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Southeast Asia-American Alumni
SEAL Youth Conference K.L.
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KUALA LUMPUR PLAYS HOST TO SOUTHEAST ASIAN YOUTH LEADERS

Southeast Asia-American Alumni (SEAL) Youth Conference 2012

The Malaysian-American Alumni Partnership (MAAP) in collaboration with Public Affairs, U.S. Embassy, is hosting the Southeast Asia-American Alumni (SEAL) Youth Alumni Conference at the Hotel Maya in Kuala Lumpur, from April 19-21, 2012.

The three-day conference focuses on "Youth Empowerment with Integrity" will bring together fifty current and past youth leaders from nine Southeast Asia countries who participated in U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs. The main objective of this conference is to create a regional network, the Southeast Asia-American Alumni Partnership (SEAL), which will provide a platform of engagement for young alumni leaders to share their best practices and stay connected with each other.

In addition, this conference will facilitate open discussion in order to explore solutions to various issues affecting individual countries in the region within three main themes: The Role of Government in ASEAN, The New Southeast Asian Economy and Growing the Southeast Asian Society.

The conference will be officiated by H.E. Paul W. Jones, U.S. Ambassador to Malaysia, on April 20, 2012 at 9.30 am. The details of the opening ceremony are as below:

Event: Opening Ceremony of Southeast Asia-American Alumni (SEAL) Youth Conference 2012

Date: April 20, 2012 (Friday)

Venue: Ballroom 2, Level 2, Hotel Maya, Jalan Ampang Kuala Lumpur.

Time: 9.00 am

To find out more about this conference, visit SEAL2012 blog at <https://seal2012.wordpress.com>.

MAAP

The Malaysian-American Alumni Partnership (MAAP) was formed on August 23, 2010 for the Malaysian alumni of the U.S. Government-sponsored exchange programs. This association brings together alumni of U.S. exchange programs to encourage continuous dialogue on a variety of levels between Malaysia and United States of America. MAAP members comprise of those who have participated in the U.S. Exchange program such as International Visitor Leadership Program, Fulbright, YES, Humphrey, Jefferson and Eisenhower Fellowship programs and many more. The Executive Committee of MAAP includes a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Committee Members from various programs such as the SUSI, UGRAD, and YES. With guidance from their senior alumni, these committee members will serve on the MAAP board for a two-year term. More information about MAAP can be found on these links:

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